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Office of Access and Functional Needs

*“The Whole Community: We Succeed
★ or Fail Together”*

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Cal OES' Priority

Protect



Lives



Property



Environment



Leader in
Emergency
Management

Build
Capabilities

Support Our
Communities



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ACCESS FUNCTIONAL NEEDS



Individuals who have:

- Developmental, intellectual or physical disabilities
- Chronic conditions or injuries
- Limited English proficiency

Individuals who are:

- Older adults, children or pregnant
- Living in institutionalized settings
- Low income, homeless and/or transportation disadvantaged



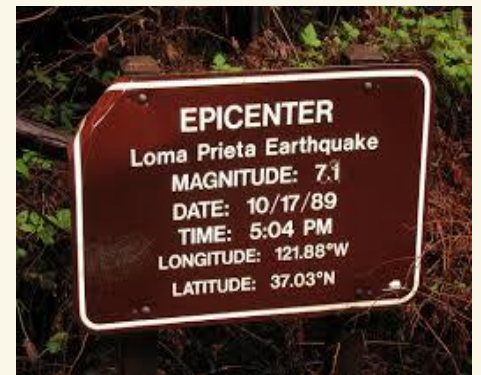
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How do we integrate AFN into emergency planning?



Together!

Every Disaster is Different



In All But One Way...



Cal OES – Office of Access and Functional Needs (OAFN)

Established in 2008 to identify the needs of people with disabilities and others with access and functional needs before, during, and after a disaster.

OAFN integrates disability needs and resources into emergency management systems and offers guidance to emergency managers, planners, service providers.

California Regions



Inland Region

- 31 Counties
- 3 Mutual Aid Regions (III, IV, V)
- 123 Incorporated Cities
- Total Population: 7.2 million

Coastal Region

- 16 Counties
- 1 Mutual Aid Regions (II)
- 151 Incorporated Cities
- Total Population: 8.1 million

Southern Region

- 11 Counties
- 2 Mutual Aid Regions (I, VI)
- 226 Incorporated Cities
- Total Population: 21.6 million

Butte/Valley Fires



Disaster Response



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When Disasters Strike!



LAX Shooting (November 2013)



Aliso Canyon Gas Leak (October 2015)

Waterman Incident (Dec 2015)



The Blue Cut Fire (August 2016)



AFN Integration

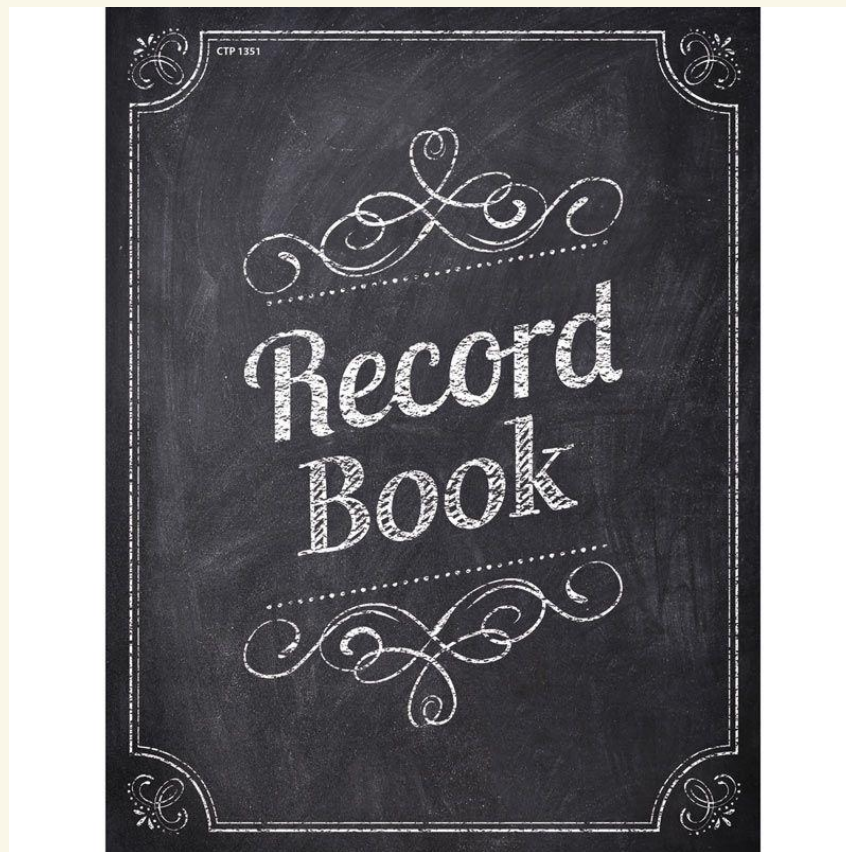


- We incorporate AFN into planning...
- You and your team integrate it into practice!

Where do we start?

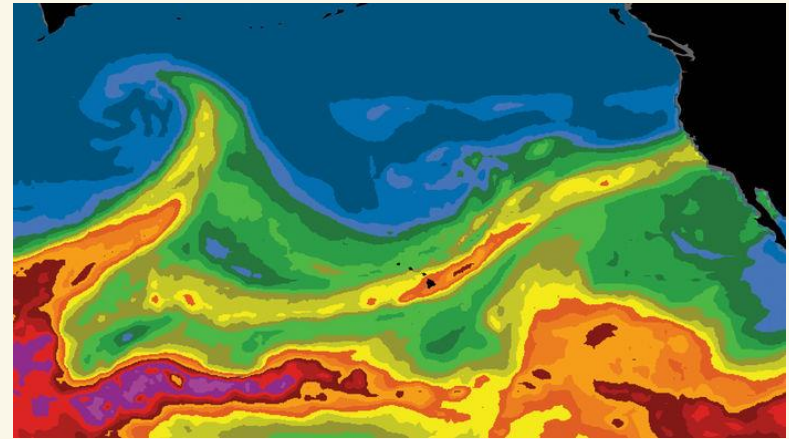


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Lions, Tigers & Bears!

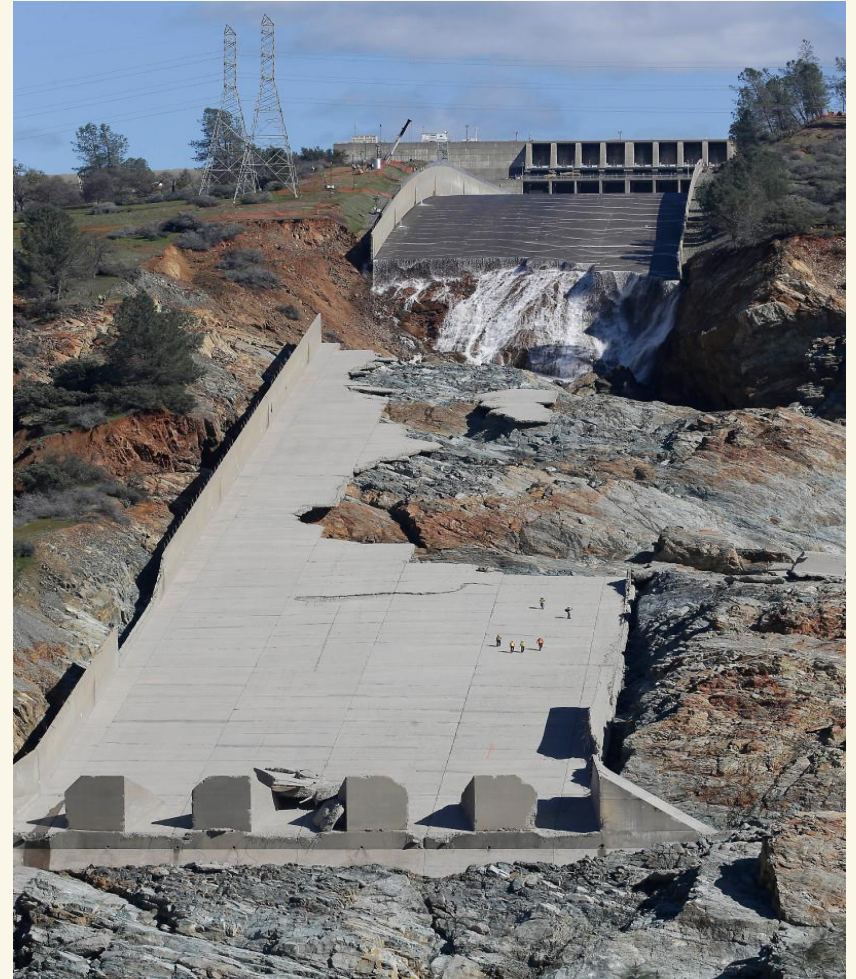
Rain...
Floods...
Mudslides...



Damageddon

The Oroville Dam:

- Nation's tallest dam
- 2nd largest US manmade lake
- Evacuated over 180,000 people
- Supported 42 shelters



Northern California Wildfires

October 8th:

- 11,000 firefighters & 500 law officers responded
- Supported +40 shelters
- 245,000 acres burned
- 9,000 structures lost
- \$9 billion in damages
- 43 people perished



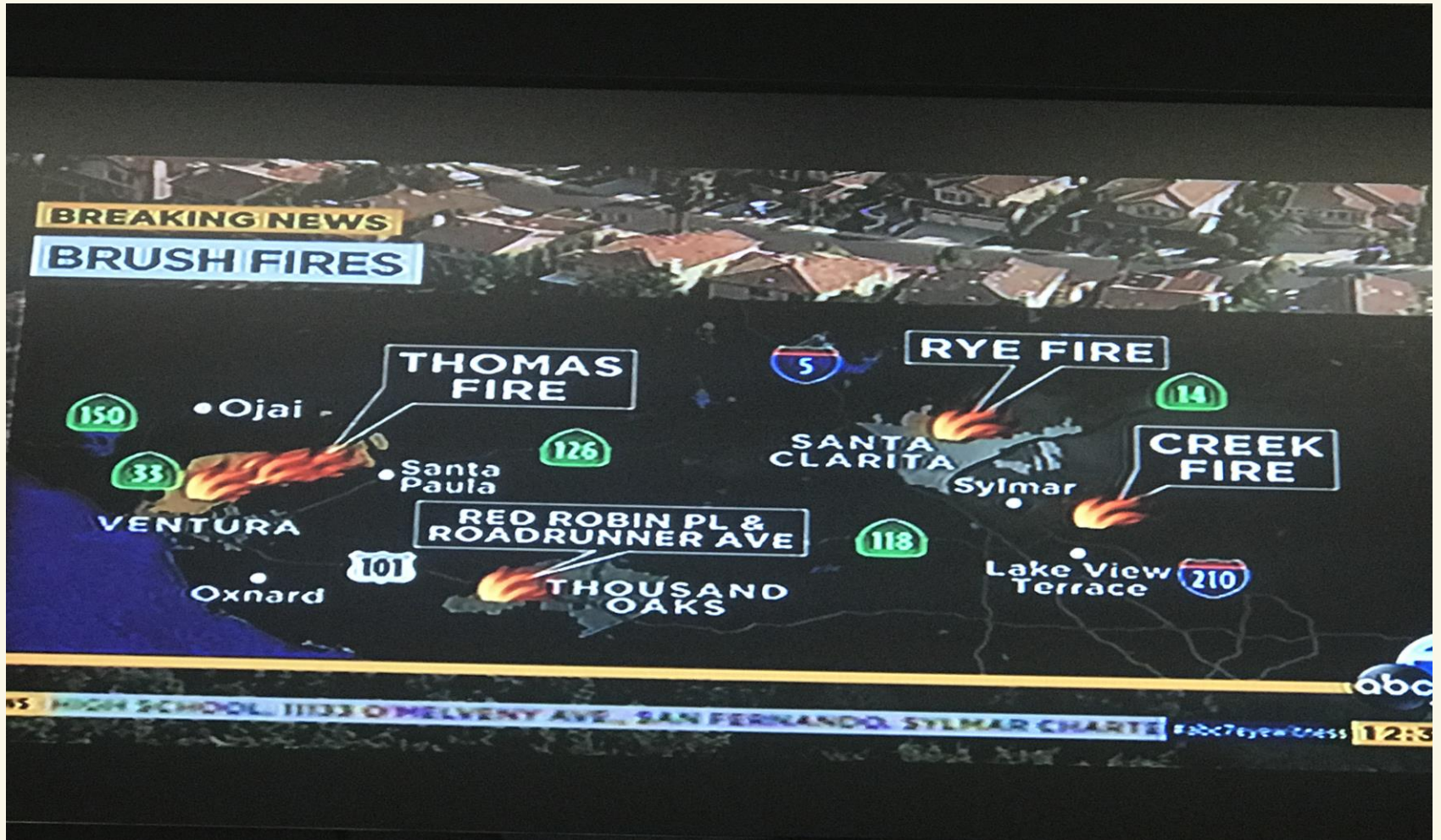
Thomas Fire

December 4th:

- Largest wildfire in state history
- Evacuated 105,000 people
- Mutual aid from across the country
- 8,500 firefighters responded – the largest mobilization ever
- 283,000 acres burned
- 1,200 structures lost



Southern CA Wildfires



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Lessons Learned

Emergency managers can save lives, reduce suffering, increase independence and promote the health of individuals with access and functional needs within their communities by doing the following three things:

1. Establish a relationship with their local Independent Living Center (ILC)
2. Reassess the accessibility of their sheltering facilities
3. Integrate American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters within their press conferences

A Relationship w/the ILCs

- Non-profits operated by individuals with disabilities & promote independent living
- There are 28 ILCs in California
- Capacity to push out critical disaster-related information
- Can assist determining consumer evacuation and sheltering needs
- May provide durable medical equipment and assistive technology to consumers



Reassessing Shelters

- The National Shelter System (NSS) is out of date
- Too often, officials select shelters based on poor or incomplete information
- Accessible shelters promote the health, safety, and independence of survivors



ASL Interpreters at Press Events

- American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters need to be at **all** press conferences
- Without ASL interpreters; the deaf community cannot receive, process or act on life-saving information
- Cal OES has a Disaster Response Interpreter credentialing program



Disaster Response Interpreter Training Program

- **Train** and **credential** certified interpreters to provide sign language interpreting services in shelter and media settings during an emergency
- Cal OES-credentialed interpreter
Employed by the state of California or
Contracted or employed by a Partner Agency
 - ✓ Fingerprinted
 - ✓ Renew every 2 years
- Payment for Services is between Partner Agency and Disaster Response Interpreter

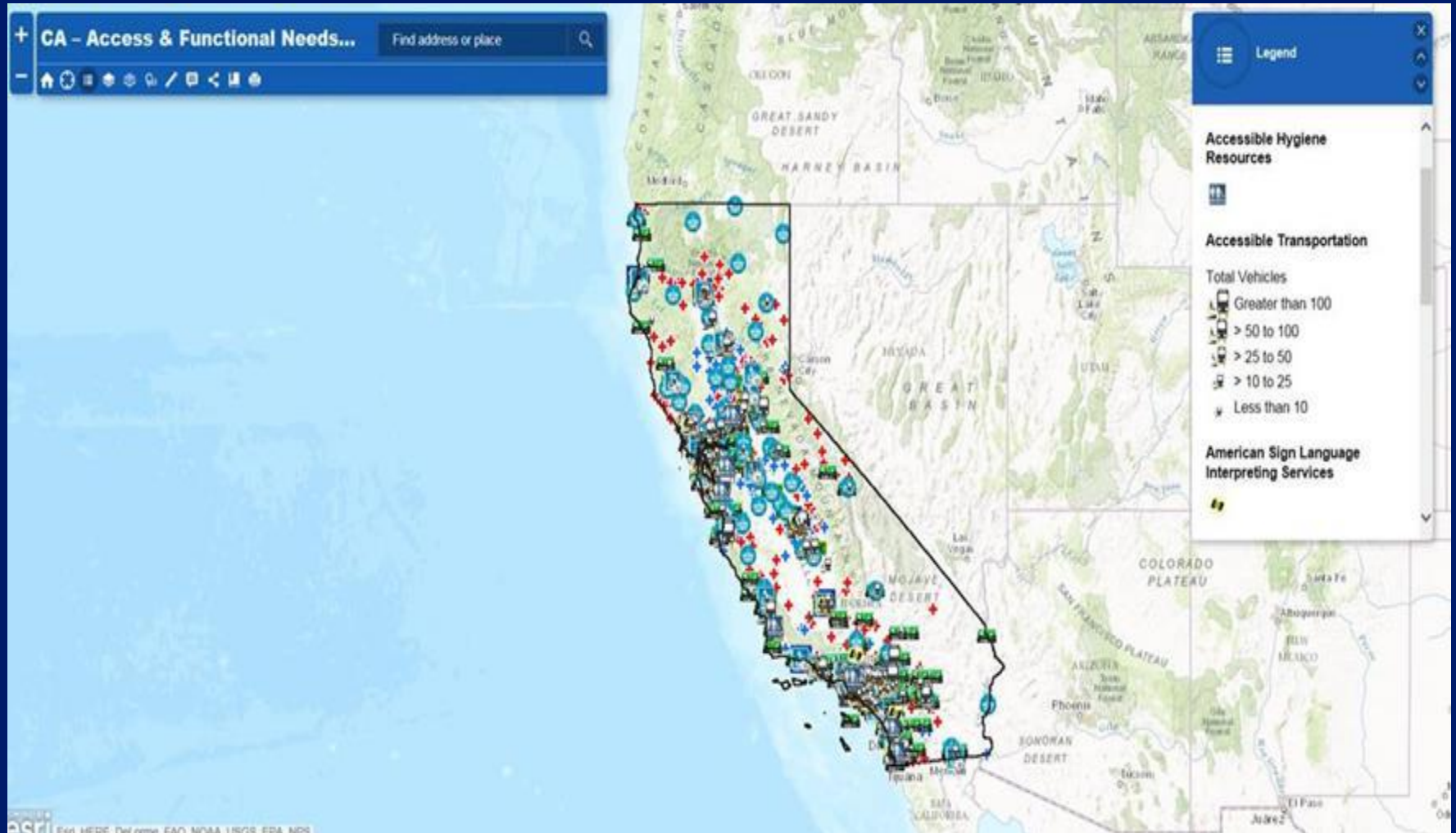


Continuous Learning

- Preorder AFN showers and toilets
 - redirect if needed
- Train field staff on ADA and reasonable accommodations
- Hold care facilities to task in an evacuation, make them partners....
- AFN rep in your State Operations Center and EOCs
- Plan and use sign language interpreters
- Whole community planning- AFN not part of an annex

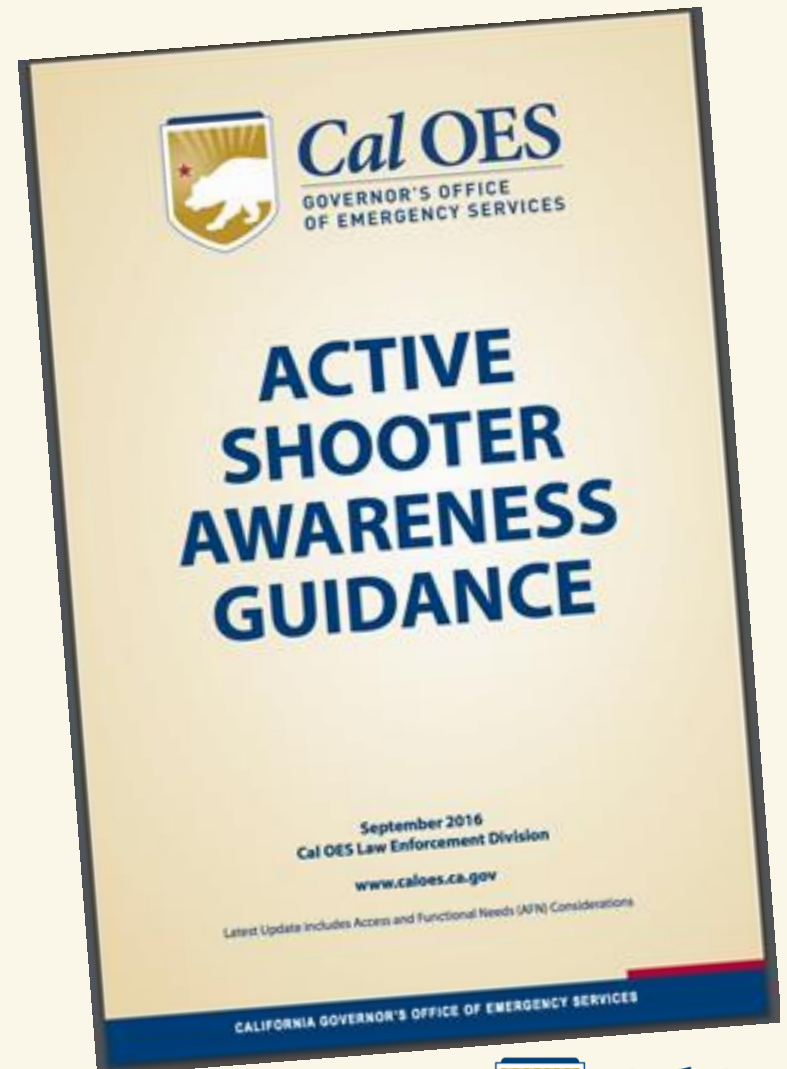


AFN WEB MAP



Active Shooter Awareness Guidance

- Result of Inland Regional Center Active Shooter Attack
- First guidance of its kind to integrate AFN considerations
- Publicly available on the Cal OES website



Summary



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In Conclusion...



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“One Team One Fight”



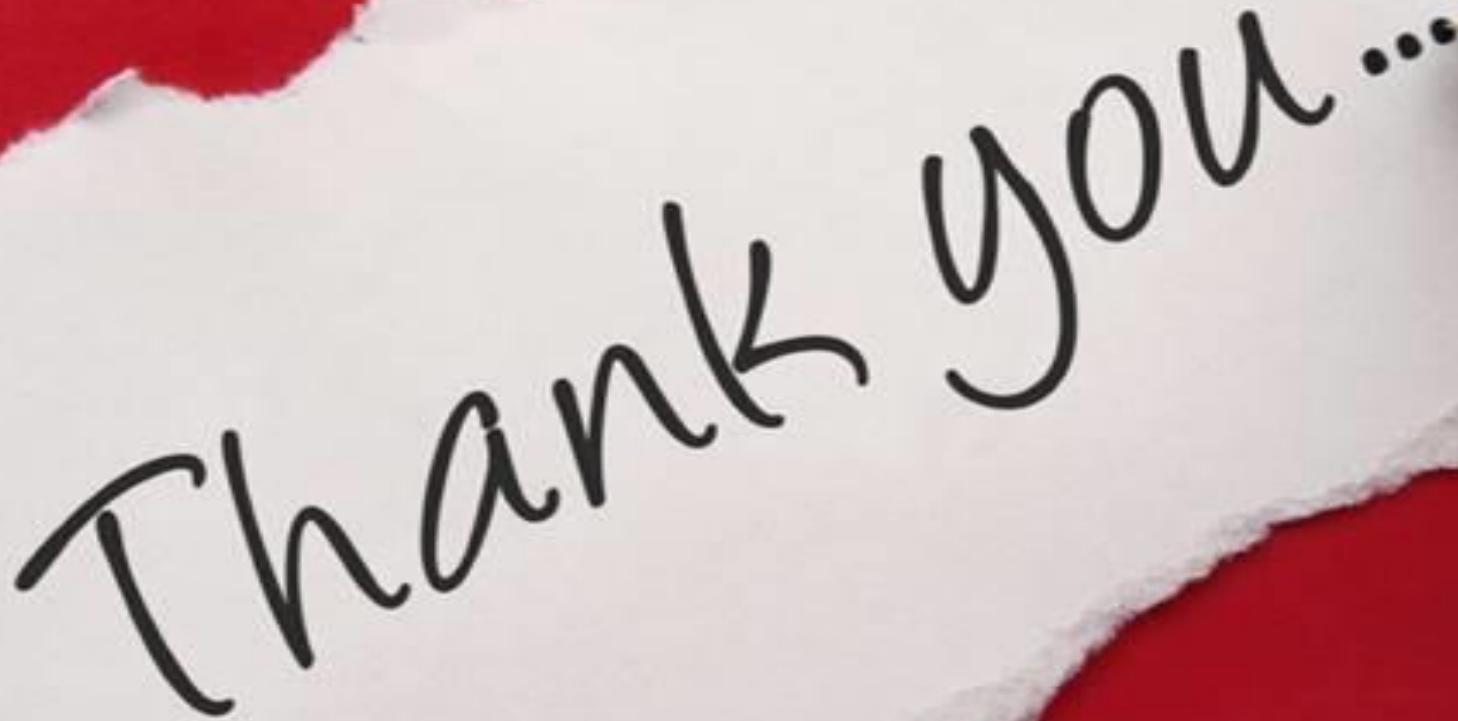
Making a Difference

Look it's [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] from the Ventura disaster relief center saying "thank you Mona Lisa, for the hard work and dedication to your job; which inturned saved us from what could have been all sorrow and grief.

We love you. We are happy today



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Thank you...

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